As you must already know, Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election on November 2nd. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is therefore obligated by law to serve the interest of the public - whether democratic, republican, liberal, or conservative. Fox "News" can get away with their propaganda machine because they are a cable channel. But in this case, Sinclair is using public airwaves - and using them to further their own republican-minded, pro-Bush agenda. Sinclair is clearly using public airwaves to try and influence the outcome of the November election.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please do your job. It's bad enough that my tax dollars are being wasted in Iraq and in so many other ways. I don't want them wasted at the FCC too.

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